

DECEMBER 9-11, 2016 HAW RIVER STATE PARK

WELCOME TO THE NC CLIMATE JUSTICE SUMMIT

We deserve a world in which we can all thrive! We demand a world where no people or places are treated as sacrifice zones to corporate greed and exploitation. That's why hundreds of community leaders of all ages and backgrounds are coming together at this third gathering of the NC Climate Justice Summit.

The NCCJS is rooted in the understanding that **all** people have a vital contribution to make in dealing with climate change. We also recognize that **some** people—particularly people of color and poor people—are hit first and worst by the carbon polluting industries causing climate change and by the intensifying floods, droughts, hurricanes and sea level rise that result from it. Achieving climate justice requires social, environmental and economic justice.

We believe that the NCCJS will help build the broad base necessary to address the challenges we face. It's time to skill up, get creative and take strategic, collective action. The NCCJS is where we build relationships and find common cause. We are here to share our gifts of the head, hand and heart in order to seed a life-sustaining and equitable culture.

On behalf of the Leadership Team, we welcome you and are glad you have come. We invite you to lean in to this supportive community space and make our time together memorable and generative.

Jodi Lasseter,
NCCJS Founder and Co-Convener

Connie Leeper,
Co-Convener

GOALS

- 1. Apply a climate justice framework for linking social, environmental and economic issues
- 2. Provide an interactive, inclusive space for learning that enhances connection and understanding between groups with unequal power (e.g., youth and adults)
- 3. Engage the head, hands and heart of each participant through experiential and popular education
- 4. Promote opportunities for civic engagement, organizing and mobilization
- 5. Provide skills development in resilient community strategies
- 6. Develop and showcase cultural work
- 7. Support the leadership development of youth and grassroots leaders
- 8. Lay new groundwork for effective local organizing while seeding a trans-local network

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Featured Presenters, Alixa Garcia and Naima Penniman of Climbing PoeTree

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COMMUNITY GUIDELINES

We hope to create an environment here at the NCCJS that honors and values each of our unique backgrounds, experiences and identities. We seek to create a safe, inclusive, creative, equitable and fun learning space for all.

Show Respect: Be mindful of varied perspectives and understandings that may be different from your own; treat yourself, others and the land with the utmost care and love in all interactions.

No alcohol or drugs are allowed; tobacco use is limited to outdoor areas only, away from buildings.

W.A.I.T (Why Am I Talking?) and Step Up, Step Back: Let's make sure everyone's voice is heard. If you tend to talk a lot, then watch your airtime and "step back" so others may participate. If you usually keep quiet, try to step up and engage!

Please put cell phones on silent or vibrate mode when in public spaces.

All are Teachers, All are Learners: We are all experts of our own lived experience, and we are all learners about others' stories.

Be mindful of quiet hours: Some of us are night owls and some of us are early birds, so please observe quiet hours in the public spaces between midnight and 8:00am.

Cabins are off limits: youths may only visit each other's cabins when an adult chaperone is present

Communicate your whereabouts: Enjoy the grounds, but let someone know where you're going first

Be fragrance-free: Out of respect for participants and facilitators with chemical sensitivities that impact their health, please refrain from using perfume, cologne or other strongly scented hair or body care products or detergents.

Practice good dining room etiquette: Eat according to what you said on your registration form so that everyone has enough of the foods they need (for example, if you registered as a vegetarian, this is not the time to experiment with meat or vice versa). Meal times are not flexible, so please arrive on time. The dining room is off limits between meal times. Everyone should bus their own tables and follow instructions for composting and handling the dishes.

Demonstrate hospitality: Lend a helping hand (assist with setting up, cleaning up and other volunteer tasks) and strive to create a welcoming atmosphere.

NCCJS AGENDA

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

4-5:30PM Registration in the Heron's Roost

Games and Activities around the Park

5:45-6:45PM **Dinner**

7-9:30PM Summit Opening Session in the Heron's Roost

Opening Ceremony by Vivette Jeffries-Logan, Occaneechi Band of Saponi Nation

Welcome and Acknowledgements

Groundrules and Summit Agenda Overview

Building Our Community Hearth (bring a symbol or photo of the people and places you love)

Climbing PoeTree Performance

Over the last 13 years, Climbing PoeTree has infused our movements for justice with healing and imagination, inspiring thousands through their award-winning multimedia theater, dual-voice spoken word, visual art, sustainable touring, and community organizing. Co-creators Alixa Garcia and Naima Penniman are cultural architects committed to reframing the story through multi-voice spoken word, hip hop, world music, and multimedia theater that translate deep research around the most pressing issues of our time into stunning artistry that catalyzes their audiences to activate the transformation they wish to cultivate within themselves and their communities. Alixa and Naima have independently organized 30 national and international tours, taking their work from South Africa to Cuba, the UK to Mexico, and throughout the U.S. including 11,000 miles toured on a bus converted to run on recycled vegetable oil. Climbing PoeTree has been experienced at diverse venues from the Brooklyn Academy of Music to the United Nations, Harvard University to Rikers Island Prison.

9:30-10:30PM Youth Circle (Heron's Roost) and Adult Circle (Rhododendrun Lounge)

9:30_{PM}-12_{AM} Late Night Activities

Fire Circle (songs and s'mores at the firepit in the field by the gym) Music Jam/Drumming Circle (in the Rhododendrun Lounge)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

7-7:45AM Yoga and Centering Practice (meet at Heron's Roost entrance)

8-8:45AM Breakfast

9AM-12:30PM Saturday Morning Session (Heron's Roost)

Opening – Featured Artist: RaShad Eas, Hip Hop rapper, pastor and NCSU professor of forestry

Defining Climate Justice – Facilitated by Jayeesha Dutta, Radical Arts and Healing Collective and Another Gulf is Possible

Voices from the Frontlines Story Circles — Community leaders speak to the collective impacts they are organizing to address, such as racial and gender-based violence, coal ash, CAFOs, the Atlantic Coast Pipeline, unaffordable energy bills, gentrification, police brutality and fracked gas power plants.

♦ First Round: Indigenous Leaders

♦ Second Round: Youth Leaders

♦ Third Round: Regional Leaders

Interactive Group Reflection

12:30-1:30PM Lunch

1:30PM Campaign Fair and Truly Free Market (Gym)

Everyone is encouraged to bring informational materials for tabling and gently used items for a swap meet.

2:45PM Democratizing Wealth (Heron's Roost)

Ed Whitfield, Co-Founder and Co-Director of the Fund for Democratic Communities, will explore these questions: What does a Just Transition to a clean energy economy entail? How do we create local living economies that build our community resilience, power and wealth?

3:15PM Issue Tracks

Making the climate change connection, highlighting local solutions and building towards a People's Power Plan for NC. All tracks will feature a short film by Working Films, presentations by community-based organizations and discussion among participants.

 Energy and Jobs (Heron's Roost)
 Presentations by Poder Juvenil Campesino, Alliance for Climate Education and RePower Our Schools

- ♦ Food and Water (Rhododendrun Room)
 Presentations by Asheville GreenWorks, Clean Water for NC and Transplanting Traditions
- Housing and Transportation (Longleaf Room)
 Presentation by PowerUp NC

5-6:30PM Envisioning, Articulating and Embodying our People's Power Plan for NC (Gym)

- ♦ Create a community mural with the Greensboro Mural Project
- ♦ Practice movement-building skills through Rehearsal for Life and Liberation with Elijah Brunson
- Work on drafting resolution statements on the 6 issue areas explored during the issue tracks

6:30-7:30_{PM} **Dinner**

7:30-8:30PM Caucuses, Discussions and Workshops

People of Color and Indigenous Peoples Caucus (Longleaf Room)
Discussion convened by Ife Kilimanjaro, Ph.D

Youth Caucus focusing on Climate Change (Heron's Roost) Interactive session convened by ACE Action Fellows

Building A Statewide Youth Climate Justice Network (Heron's Roost)
Exploratory discussion on campus-based organizing convened by Evan Weber, U.S. Climate Plan

Moving Through Grief and Rage to Face the Global Crisis (Fox Den)
Interactive workshop facilitated by Sarah Vekasi, M.Div. and Jodi Lasseter, M.A.

Media for a Just Transition: Storytelling to Seed Shift (Rhododendrun Room)

How can films advance the long term work of eliminating fossil fuel dependence and building sustainable communities that are more equitable? This interactive workshop with Working Films will focus on leveraging the stories in documentary films and new media – online and off – to amplify your messages, expand your base of support, and reach and rally target audiences, in your work for a Just Transition.

8:45-10:30PM Saturday Evening - Open Mic with Dasan Ahanu (Heron's Roost)

Dasan Ahanu, award-winning Hip Hop artist and educator, sees the arts as not just a means of entertainment and inspiration, but also as a vehicle for lifting marginalized voices and fostering radical change. Dasan invites you to bring YOUR voice to this open mic!

10:30PM-12AM Late Night Activities

Dance Party (get your groove on in the Fox Den)
Fireside Chat (hang out with new friends in the Rhododendron Lounge)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11[™]

7-7:45AM Yoga and Centering Practice; Nature Walk (meet at Heron's Roost)

8-8:45AM Breakfast

9AM-1PM Sunday Morning Session (Heron's Roost)

Opening

Inner Resilience Tracks

- ♦ Rev. Rodney Sadler Justice Action Mobilization Network (JAMN)
- ♦ Sarah Vekasi, M.Div Eco-chaplaincy
- ♦ Gary Phillips Guided nature walk
- ♦ Rev. Dele Permaculture and care of creation
- ♦ Keval Kaur Khalsa Yoga and meditation

Community Reflection — facilitated by Susannah Tuttle, NC Interfaith Power and Light

Opportunities for Collective Action — Peoples Climate Movement Planning

Closing Ceremony

1-1:30PM **Lunch**

IMPORTANT RESOURCES

ORGANIZING COOLS THE PLANET

Organizing skills training booklet, website and curricula

https://organizingcoolstheplanet.wordpress.com

PEOPLES CURRICULUM FOR THE EARTH

Curriculum from Rethinking Schools

http://www.rethinkingschools.org/ProdDetails.asp?ID=9780942961577&d=toc

ACTIVE HOPE

Book by Joanna Macy & Chris Johnstone

http://www.activehope.info

EVERYBODY'S MOVEMENT

Article by Angela Park

http://kresge.org/library/everybodys-movement-environmental-justice-and-climate-change

PEOPLE'S CLIMATE MOVEMENT

The People's Climate Platform A Call to Action for a New Energy and Economic Future Rebuild, Renew, Restore

The People's Climate Movement is calling for a transition to a New Energy and Economic Future. We are a national network of environmental, labor, economic justice, climate justice, faith, youth, and community organizations working together to build a larger, stronger, and more powerful social movement that can address not just climate change, but racial, environmental, and economic inequity. We believe that the grave problems facing our country stem from a broken economic system and a democracy captured by the 1% and that they cannot be solved in isolation. The People's Climate Movement brings together people and organizations to support and build a powerful grassroots movement rooted in racial and economic justice that can catalyze a New Energy and Economic Future.

In 2015, the United States joined with the rest of the world in Paris to set forth ambitious goals for climate action. The universal agreement's main aim is to keep this century's global temperature rise well below 2 degrees Celsius and to drive efforts to stabilize that rise even further to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels. To meet these goals – scientifically determined to realize a future in which people are protected from climate change – we believe that the requisite transition to clean energy must rebuild, renew, and restore our economy and reorganize the balance between people, the environment, and our economy.

That balance will only be achieved when we prioritize the well-being of people over profit, protect and strengthen front-line communities, mandate racial and cultural equity for those too often left out or left behind, and invest in institutions that strengthen and enhance the common good of all people while combating the crisis of climate change.

To achieve a transition to a New Energy and Economic Future, the People's Climate Movement is calling on our existing partners as well as other progressive, democratic organizations and leaders in government, the private sector, civil society, and academia to pursue the following strategies:

- Directly and rapidly reduce greenhouse gas and toxic pollution to successfully combat climate change and improve public health
- Mandate a transition to an equitable and sustainable New Energy and Economic Future that limits the temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels
- Provide a Just Transition for communities and workers negatively impacted by the shift to a New Energy and Economic Future that includes targeted economic opportunity and provides stable income, health care, and education
- Demand that every job pays a wage of at least \$15 an hour, protects workers, and provides a good standard of living, pathways out of poverty, and a right to organize

- Ensure that in the New Energy and Economic Future, investments are targeted to create pathways for low-income people and people of color to access good jobs and improve the lives of communities of color, indigenous peoples, low-income people, small farmers, women, and workers.
- Make bold investments in the resilience of states, cities, tribes, and communities that are threatened by climate change; including massive investments in infrastructure systems from water, transportation, and solid waste to the electrical grid and safe, green building and increasing energy efficiency that will also create millions of jobs in the public and private sector
- Reinvest in a domestic industrial base that drives towards an equitable and sustainable New Energy and Economic Future, and fight back against the corporate trade-induced global race to the bottom
- Market and policy based mechanisms must protect human rights and critical, native ecosystems and reduce pollution at source

The People's Climate Movement is calling on our existing partners and inviting new partners to join us in this call for a New Economic and Energy Future. Key to the success in building a movement towards the goals above is strengthening relationships between existing and new partners. We commit to collaborating in a way that prioritize strengthening relationships with each other. We are creating a representative and democratic movement that reaches nation-wide in order to demand and win the immediate need for a transition to a New Economic and Energy Future that addresses not just climate change but racial, social and economic equity and human rights.

PEOPLE'S CLIMATE MOVEMENT MOBILIZATION SUPPORT TEAM

32BJ SEIU Grassroots Global Justice

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ACE Greenpeace

Blue Green Alliance Indigenous Environmental Network

Center for Community Change People's Action

Center for Popular Democracy Service Employees International Union

Climate Justice Alliance Sierra Club



100 DAYS FIGHT FOR CLIMATE, JUSTICE & JOBS

The steering committee of the People's Climate Movement is a body of 25 labor, community, faith, environmental-justice, climate, youth and arts groups working together to build a stronger climate justice movement in the USA. We are asking all who are concerned about the threat the new Trump Administration and Right-Wing Congress poses to the planet, people and communities to join us in coordinated action from now to the spring, and beyond.

Phase One: 100 Stories to Call for Action, begins now.

During the time that the President Elect Trump assembles his administration, we will call back our non-compliance, collecting pledges to join us in our fight, and identify stories of community leaders working at the intersection of climate and justice issues.

Phase Two: 100 Hours to Speak Truth to Power, January 23rd and 27th.

During the first 100 hours of the new administration, we'll show up in the offices, hallways and chambers where the decisions that impact our lives, our planet and our community are made. We will directly confront and challenge the administration, congressional leaders, corporate lobbyists, and agency directors who deny that climate change is happening and harm our communities. We will share our stories of climate crisis, injustice and resistance with those who are in power and end their plans to harm our communities.

Phase Three: 100 Days to build our collective response to the Climate Crisis , January-May

For the rest of the first 100 days of the new administration, we will work together to build the vision of how to address climate change, build a new just economy and build a more just society- starting at the local level, connecting our wisdom and coordinating our movement. PCM will help local community members to plug in to local tables for cross-sector dialogue and collaboration. These tables will both organize for the 29th Mobilization, but also be ready to respond when needed during the First 100 Days..

Phase Four: 100 Years in the Balance: a week of Mass Mobilization April 22nd- May 1st

Once we've put in a little time building out our visions, dreams and plans, we'll bring them to Washington DC for the new administration and congress to see. We dream of a focal mass march in Washington DC on April 29th, , with additional marches, mass trainings, movement building work, convenings, lobby days and other actions in DC and across the country. And to culuminate- the 101st day of the new administration is May 1st--Mayday. What better time to connect and cry out in the street?

The People's Climate Movement Steering Commitee is: 32BJ, 350.org, Alliance for Climate Education, Blue Green Alliance, Center for Community Change, Center for Biological Diversity, Center for Popular Democracy, Chesapeake Climate Action Network, Climate Justice Alliance, Chispa, Climate Reality, Color of Change, Emerald Cities, Franciscan Action Network, Green Faith, Green Latinos, Indigenous Environmental Network, Labor Sustainability Network, Moms Clean Airforce, NAACP, People's Action, People's Collective Arts, People's Climate Movement NY, Power Shift Network, Public Citizen, SEIU-32BJ, SEIU International, Sierra Club, US Climate Action Network

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Bali Principles of Climate Justice

29 August 2002

PREAMBLE

Whereas climate change is a scientific reality whose effects are already being felt around the world;

Whereas if consumption of fossil fuels, deforestation and other ecological devastation continues at current rates, it is certain that climate change will result in increased temperatures, sea level rise, changes in agricultural patterns, increased frequency and magnitude of "natural" disasters such as floods, droughts, loss of biodiversity, intense storms and epidemics;

Whereas deforestation contributes to climate change, while having a negative impact on a broad array of local communities;

Whereas communities and the environment feel the impacts of the fossil fuel economy at every stage of its life cycle, from exploration to production to refining to distribution to consumption to disposal of waste;

Whereas climate change and its associated impacts are a global manifestation of this local chain of impacts;

Whereas fossil fuel production and consumption helps drive corporate-led globalization;

Whereas climate change is being caused primarily by industrialized nations and transnational corporations;

Whereas the multilateral development banks, transnational corporations and Northern governments, particularly the United States, have compromised the democratic nature of the United Nations as it attempts to address the problem;

Whereas the perpetration of climate change violates the Universal Declaration On Human Rights, and the United Nations Convention on Genocide:

Whereas the impacts of climate change are disproportionately felt by small island states, women, youth, coastal peoples, local communities, indigenous peoples, fisherfolk, poor people and the elderly;

Whereas local communities, affected people and indigenous peoples have been kept out of the global processes to address climate change;

Whereas market-based mechanisms and technological "fixes" currently being promoted by transnational corporations are false solutions and are exacerbating the problem;

Whereas unsustainable production and consumption practices are at the root of this and other global environmental problems:

Whereas this unsustainable consumption exists primarily in the North, but also among elites within the South;

Whereas the impacts will be most devastating to the vast majority of the people in the South, as well as the "South" within the North;

Whereas the impacts of climate change threaten food sovereignty and the security of livelihoods of natural resource-based local economies:

Whereas the impacts of climate change threaten the health of communities around the world-especially those who are vulnerable and marginalized, in particular children and elderly people;

Whereas combating climate change must entail profound shifts from unsustainable production, consumption and lifestyles, with industrialized countries taking the lead;

We, representatives of people's movements together with activist organizations working for social and environmental justice resolve to begin to build an international movement of all peoples for Climate Justice based on the following core principles:

- 1. Affirming the sacredness of Mother Earth, ecological unity and the interdependence of all species, Climate Justice insists that communities have the right to be free from climate change, its related impacts and other forms of ecological destruction.
- 2. Climate Justice affirms the need to reduce with an aim to eliminate the production of greenhouse gases and associated local pollutants.
- 3. Climate Justice affirms the rights of indigenous peoples and affected communities to represent and speak for themselves.
- 4. Climate Justice affirms that governments are responsible for addressing climate change in a manner that is both democratically accountable to their people and in accordance with the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities.
- Climate Justice demands that communities, particularly affected communities play a leading role in national and international processes to address climate change.
- Climate Justice opposes the role of transnational corporations in shaping unsustainable production and consumption patterns and lifestyles, as well as their role in unduly influencing national and international decision-making.
- 7. Climate Justice calls for the recognition of a principle of ecological debt that industrialized governments and transnational corporations owe the rest of the world as a result of their appropriation of the planet's capacity to absorb greenhouse gases.
- 8. Affirming the principle of ecological debt, Climate Justice demands that fossil fuel and extractive industries be held strictly liable for all past and current life-cycle impacts relating to the production of greenhouse gases and associated local pollutants.

- Affirming the principle of Ecological debt, Climate
 Justice protects the rights of victims of climate change
 and associated injustices to receive full compensation,
 restoration, and reparation for loss of land, livelihood
 and other damages.
- 10. Climate Justice calls for a moratorium on all new fossil fuel exploration and exploitation; a moratorium on the construction of new nuclear power plants; the phase out of the use of nuclear power world wide; and a moratorium on the construction of large hydro schemes.
- 11. Climate Justice calls for clean, renewable, locally controlled and low-impact energy resources in the interest of a sustainable planet for all living things.
- 12. Climate Justice affirms the right of all people, including the poor, women, rural and indigenous peoples, to have access to affordable and sustainable energy.
- 13. Climate Justice affirms that any market-based or technological solution to climate change, such as carbon-trading and carbon sequestration, should be subject to principles of democratic accountability, ecological sustainability and social justice.
- 14. Climate Justice affirms the right of all workers employed in extractive, fossil fuel and other greenhouse-gas producing industries to a safe and healthy work environment without being forced to choose between an unsafe livelihood based on unsustainable production and unemployment.
- 15. Climate Justice affirms the need for solutions to climate change that do not externalize costs to the environment and communities, and are in line with the principles of a just transition.
- 16. Climate Justice is committed to preventing the extinction of cultures and biodiversity due to climate change and its associated impacts.
- 17. Climate Justice affirms the need for socio-economic models that safeguard the fundamental rights to clean air, land, water, food and healthy ecosystems.
- 18. Climate Justice affirms the rights of communities dependent on natural resources for their livelihood and cultures to own and manage the same in a sustainable manner, and is opposed to the commodification of nature and its resources.

- 19. Climate Justice demands that public policy be based on mutual respect and justice for all peoples, free from any form of discrimination or bias.
- 20. Climate Justice recognizes the right to selfdetermination of Indigenous Peoples, and their right to control their lands, including sub-surface land, territories and resources and the right to the protection against any action or conduct that may result in the destruction or degradation of their territories and cultural way of life.
- 21. Climate Justice affirms the right of indigenous peoples and local communities to participate effectively at every level of decision-making, including needs assessment, planning, implementation, enforcement and evaluation, the strict enforcement of principles of prior informed consent, and the right to say "No."
- 22. Climate Justice affirms the need for solutions that address women's rights.
- 23. Climate Justice affirms the right of youth as equal partners in the movement to address climate change and its associated impacts.
- 24. Climate Justice opposes military action, occupation, repression and exploitation of lands, water, oceans, peoples and cultures, and other life forms, especially as it relates to the fossil fuel industry's role in this respect.
- 25. Climate Justice calls for the education of present and future generations, emphasizes climate, energy, social and environmental issues, while basing itself on reallife experiences and an appreciation of diverse cultural perspectives.
- 26. Climate Justice requires that we, as individuals and communities, make personal and consumer choices to consume as little of Mother Earth's resources, conserve our need for energy; and make the conscious decision to challenge and reprioritize our lifestyles, re-thinking our ethics with relation to the environment and the Mother Earth; while utilizing clean, renewable, lowimpact energy; and ensuring the health of the natural world for present and future generations.
- 27. Climate Justice affirms the rights of unborn generations to natural resources, a stable climate and a healthy planet.

Adopted using the "Environmental Justice Principles" developed at the 1991 People of Color Environmental Justice Leadership Summit, Washington, DC, as a blueprint.

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Jemez Principles for Democratic Organizing

Meeting hosted by Southwest Network for Environmental and Economic Justice (SNEEJ), Jemez, New Mexico, Dec. 1996

Activists meet on Globalization

On December 6-8, 1996, forty people of color and European-American representatives met in Jemez, New Mexico, for the "Working Group Meeting on Globalization and Trade." The Jemez meeting was hosted by the Southwest Network for Environmental and Economic Justice with the intention of hammering out common understandings between participants from different cultures, politics and organizations. The following "Jemez Principles" for democratic organizing were adopted by the participants.

#1 Be Inclusive

If we hope to achieve just societies that include all people in decision-making and assure that all people have an equitable share of the wealth and the work of this world, then we must work to build that kind of inclusiveness into our own movement in order to develop alternative policies and institutions to the treaties policies under neoliberalism.

This requires more than tokenism, it cannot be achieved without diversity at the planning table, in staffing, and in coordination. It may delay achievement of other important goals, it will require discussion, hard work, patience, and advance planning. It may involve conflict, but through this conflict, we can learn better ways of working together. It's about building alternative institutions, movement building, and not compromising out in order to be accepted into the anti-globalization club.

#2 Emphasis on Bottom-Up Organizing

To succeed, it is important to reach out into new constituencies, and to reach within all levels of leadership and membership base of the organizations that are already involved in our networks. We must be continually building and strengthening a base which provides our credibility, our strategies, mobilizations, leadership development, and the energy for the work we must do daily.

#3 Let People Speak for Themselves

We must be sure that relevant voices of people directly affected are heard. Ways must be provided for spokespersons to represent and be responsible to the affected constituencies. It is important for organizations to clarify their roles, and who they represent, and to assure accountability within our structures.

#4 Work Together In Solidarity and Mutuality

Groups working on similar issues with compatible visions should consciously act in solidarity, mutuality and support each other's work. In the long run, a more significant step is to incorporate the goals and values of other groups with your own work, in order to build strong relationships. For instance, in the long run, it is more important that labor unions and community economic development projects include the issue of environmental sustainability in their own strategies, rather than just lending support to the environmental organizations. So communications, strategies and resource sharing is critical, to help us see our connections and build on these.

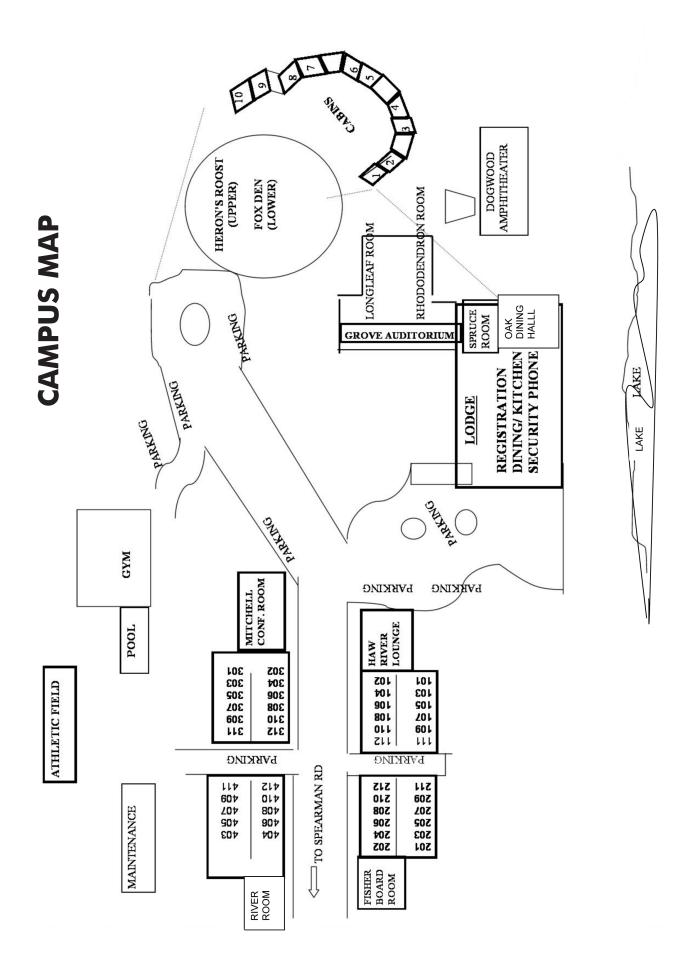
#5 Build Just Relationships Among Ourselves

We need to treat each other with justice and respect, both on an individual and an organizational level, in this country and across borders. Defining and developing "just relationships" will be a process that won't happen overnight. It must include clarity about decision-making, sharing strategies, and resource distribution. There are clearly many skills necessary to succeed, and we need to determine the ways for those with different skills to coordinate and be accountable to one another.

#6 Commitment to Self-Transformation

As we change societies, we must change from operating on the mode of individualism to community-centeredness. We must "walk our talk." We must be the values that we say we're struggling for and we must be justice, be peace, be community.

This and other environmental justice documents can be downloaded from: www.ejnet.org/ej/



A FRACKED GAS Power Plant at Duke University?

The accelerating climate crisis requires leadership – not an expansion of fossil fuels.



Take Action!

Urge Duke University President Richard Brodhead to reject Duke Energy's expansion of climate-wrecking fracked gas on campuses. Tell him to join Stanford and others using climate-protective energy solutions: President@duke.edu.



